

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 24, 1998

Contact: Stan Jones or Jeff Weber
(317) 464-4400

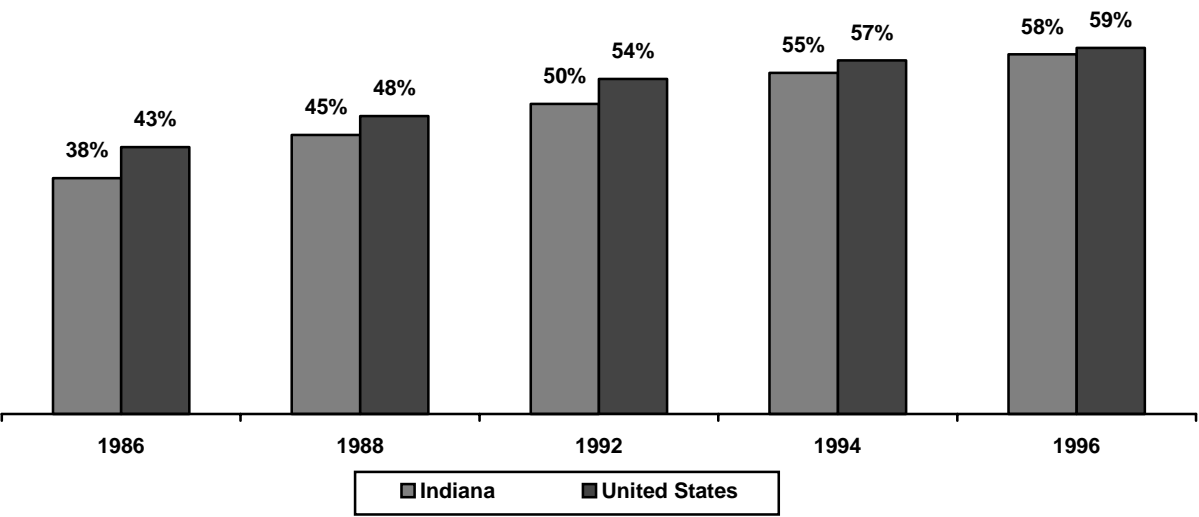
MORE INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CHOOSING TO GO TO COLLEGE

Since 1986, increasing numbers of Indiana high school graduates have chosen to enroll in college. Data reported by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education indicates that nearly 58% of the 1996 Indiana high school graduates went on to college in the fall term of 1996, representing a steady increase from 38% in 1986. This increase also moves Indiana from 40th among the states in 1986 to 22nd in 1996 for the portion of high school graduates continuing on to college.

While the college-going rate of high school graduates throughout the country has also risen during the same time period, Indiana's college-going rate has risen more rapidly, and is among the top five states for percentage gains in college attendance of high school graduates. As Indiana education and business leaders have focused on increasing the number of college graduates in the Indiana workforce, the reported gains in the flow of students through the educational pipeline are encouraging news to Stan Jones, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "While we clearly are making progress with this generation of high school students, our portion of adults with a college degree is among the lowest of the 50 states. By adding to the number of students entering college, we can see how Indiana will be increasing the number of degree holders in the coming years," said Commissioner Jones.

For additional information, please contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education at (317) 464-4400.

College Attendance by High School Graduates: 1986-1996
Percent of High School Graduates Enrolled
the Next Fall in Postsecondary Education



Source: Postsecondary Education Opportunity, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

###